

Message for International Education Week 2009  
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This is a great initiative. As we all know, when you grow up, you have to deal with other cultures and other people of different countries. This has become increasingly so in the last several decades. If you can appreciate and get along with people of different backgrounds, it often becomes the key to success in your career or business. On a larger scale, it is also vital to the peace and cooperation in the global community.

Those who have chances to become acquainted with unfamiliar cultures and foreign people at an early age are lucky. It is the obligation of the government not to let only a limited number of people to be lucky but to extend these experiences and knowledge to as many children and students as possible. For that, this initiative is very important and deserves much praise.

I am convinced that, as in the last nine years, the tenth annual International Education Week will also be a great success. If there is anything the Embassy and Consulates General of Japan can do to contribute to this effort, please let us know. We are very honored and pleased to be a part of this great event.